



## **Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Program NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

**Date/Time: Friday, February 22, 2013, 10:00 a.m.**

**Location: Platinum Room, 501 N. 44<sup>th</sup> St. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

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The Maricopa County Planning & Development Department will host a Stakeholder Meeting to discuss proposed ordinance amendments in advance of seeking formal initialization of the regulatory amendments by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The subject matter to be discussed at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder Meeting includes:

**TA2012011 – Community Gardens:** A text amendment to the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance to permit gardens as a primary use in every zoning district. This is part of an effort to promote sustainability.

**TA2012012 – Chickens:** A text amendment to the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance to permit the keeping of up to five chicken hens in residential zoning districts. (It is expected there will be future text amendments for consideration in regard to the keeping of other small and medium sized animals for urban agriculture.) This is part of an effort to promote sustainability.

**TA2012015 – RV Storage/Parking:** A text amendment to the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance to permit storage of RVs in both the rear and side yards, but no closer than front plane of principal building. This is intended to bring code into alignment with community values. This may present concerns with blocking paths for emergency fire protection.

**TA2012016 – Unregistered/Inoperable Vehicles Storage/Parking:** A text amendment to the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance to permit the storage of three (3) unregistered and/or inoperable vehicles in both the rear and side yards, but no closer than front plane of principal building if screened from view of the street or in a carport. This is intended to bring code into alignment with community values, and is expected to mitigate a number of violation cases. Note that car hobby enthusiasts often keep a second car for parts while rehabilitating a classic car, muscle car, etc.

**TA2012033 – Rural-43 Lot Coverage:** A text amendment to the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance, Art. 503.5.4 to raise the maximum permitted Lot Coverage (cumulative area under

roof) from 15% to 20% of the total lot area. This will bring unincorporated Maricopa County zoning jurisdiction in alignment with the City of Phoenix RE-43 and most other area jurisdictions' equivalent to Rural-43. A Lot Coverage increase in the Rural-70 and Rural-190 zoning districts is not being considered at this time because those locations tend to be remote from emergency fire protection.

**TA2013001 – 2012 International Codes:** A text amendment to the Maricopa County Local Additions & Addenda (adopted construction safety codes) to adopt and amend the following:

- 2012 International Building Code
- 2012 International Residential Code
- 2012 International Plumbing Code
- 2012 International Mechanical Code
- 2012 International Fuel Gas Code
- 2012 International Green Construction Code
- 2012 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2012 International Existing Building Code
- 2011 National Electric Code

These are code updates and not expected to be substantial changes from current codes except that the County has not previously adopted the green construction code, energy conservation code or the existing building code – all of which are anticipated to be a benefit to our customers.

**The public may submit comments to the project manager, Darren Gerard, at:**  
<http://www.maricopa.gov/regulations/comments.aspx>.